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Publisher's Announcement.

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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright,
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,
The flowers of our youth and fruits of our prime,
And blessings e'er marching the pathway of time.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is dear:
The sol of the tempest—the flow of the year,
For never in blindness and never in vain
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.

We thank Thee, O Father, for song and for feast—
The harvest that glowed and the wealth that increased;
For never a blessing encompassed Thy child
But Thou, in Thy mercy, looked down and smiled.

We thank the, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour,
The generous heart and the bountiful hand
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be—
For hope that our future will call us to Thee;
That all our eternity may form through Thy love
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—Will Carleton.

It is very evident that unless the roughness and brutality of foot ball is eliminated the game will have to be discontinued. It might be better to cut it out from our colleges entirely.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has been absorbed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, or better known in the South as the Bell Telephone Company. This gives us a talking trust.

The following words from the Greenville Reflector are to the point and well said:—

"The man who does not talk for his town is not the right kind of a citizen; and a class not much better are those whose only interest is what they can get out of somebody else."

The second annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association was held at Norfolk, Va., last week. There were over 300 delegates present, representing nearly every State of the Atlantic Coast. President W. H. Taft was present Friday as an honored guest and delivered the address of the occasion. It is believed that these conventions will do much to educate the people on the importance of deeper waterways. Our eastern waterways are far behind those of other sections. This ought not to be the case. We want to see the day soon when our Atlantic Coast will have just as good waterways as any other part of the country.

A RESOLUTION.

The executive committee of the State Anti-Saloon League, in session at Raleigh last week, passed the following resolutions:—

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the executive committee of the State Anti-Saloon League that the need of North Carolina is simply to keep intact the policy of State prohibition, ratified by 40,000 majority last year, with proper enforcement by the officials, and if the right of municipalities to regulate the near-beer evil are not interfered with adverse Supreme Court decisions no further legislation or political agitation of the temperance question should now be necessary, our policy being simply to hold and enforce our present State law, and retain for municipalities the near-beer problem."

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks what you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep 'em going.—Durham Sun.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO FARMERS.

During his address at the Mississippi State Fair President Taft gave the following advice to our farmers:—

"We have arrived at a time in the development of this country and the world when old methods of agriculture must be discarded if we would keep with the procession. Land is becoming too valuable to treat it in the old wasteful way. The profession of the farmer has become a real scientific profession.

"If I were advising a young man in this country as to his future profession I should say to him that there was probably greater opportunity in assiduity, industry, attention to business and scientific investigation in the profession of agriculture than in any other profession that this country affords.

"The tendency toward the country and country life is a tendency that we ought to encourage. It tends towards sane, philosophical and quiet consideration of life. It takes out that nervous exhaustion of energy, takes out the gambling spirit; it takes out of the life of the citizen that hurry and rapidly that carry men quickly to their graves; and it makes for the happiness of individuals and families far more than any trade or profession that brings you into the great maelstrom of city life."

Choosing a Christmas Present.

When you make a present of a periodical to a friend or family you are really selecting a companion to influence them for good or ill during a whole year. If the acquaintance of your sons and daughters were to talk to them aloud as some periodicals talk to them silently, how quickly you would forbid the companionship! In the one case as in the other, the best course is to supplant the injurious with something that is equally attractive and at the same time "worth while." A food can be wholesome and utterly distasteful. Reading can be made so, too. But The Youth's Companion not only nourishes the mind, but delights it, just like the ideal human associate whom you would choose. The Youth's Companion fills that place now in more than a half million homes. Can you not think of another family in which it is not now known where it would be joyfully welcomed?

If the \$1.75 for the 1910 Volume is sent now, the new subscriber will be entitled to all the remaining issues of 1909. If desired the publisher will hold these back or send them at Christmas time, together with the Christmas Number and The Companion's new "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold.

The Youth's Companion, Companion Building, Boston, Mass. New Subscriptions Received at this Office.

Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 17, 1909.

My Dear Friends:—

Once more the day of our National Thanksgiving is drawing near. Once more you are looking forward to its pleasures and recreations, and to tables groaning beneath the good things which God has bestowed upon you. Once more, too, your wards—the needy and homeless children of our State—stretch forth their hands to you in mute appeal for food and clothing and training. Our treasury is practically empty, and we are indebted to the merchants of Charlotte over three hundred and fifty dollars for necessities of the Institution. This condition of affairs is due to the fact that we are now paying water rents and the housekeeper's salary (heretofore provided for) besides having to meet some other extra demands laid upon us. But for this all our debts would be paid, and we would now have more than a hundred dollars in the bank. The simple statement of these facts, I believe, is sufficient to cause you to loosen your purse strings, and respond with a liberal offering to meet our pressing wants. You have not failed us in the past, nor do I believe you will do so now.

With all good wishes for a happy Thanksgiving for you and your children, I remain

Yours faithfully,
WALTER J. SMITH, Supt.

THANKSGIVING.

Proclamations by President Taft and Governor Kitchin.

President Taft has issued his Thanksgiving proclamation as follows:—

"The season of the year has returned when in accordance with the reverent custom established by our forefathers, the people of the United States are wont to meet in their usual places of worship on a day of thanksgiving appointed by the civil magistrate to return thanks to God for the great mercies and benefits which they have enjoyed.

"During the past year we have been highly blessed. No great calamities of flood or tempest or epidemic sickness have befallen us. We have lived in quietness undisturbed by wars or rumors of wars. Peace and the plenty of bounteous crops and of great industrial production animate a cheerful and resolute people to all the renewed energies of beneficent industry and material and moral progress. It is altogether fitting that we should humbly and gratefully acknowledge the Divine source of these blessings."

"Therefore I appoint Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November, as the day of general thanksgiving and ask the people to lay aside their usual vocations, to repair to their churches and unite in appropriate services and thanks to Almighty God."

(Signed)
"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

Governor Kitchin on Wednesday last week issued his Thanksgiving proclamation to his people. It reads:—

"I, William W. Kitchin, governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th, day of November, 1909, a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the good we have received and the evil we have escaped.

"A great and prosperous people to be happy must be charitable. Therefore, let the people throughout the State assemble on that day in their accustomed places of worship and render thanks unto the Lord for his manifold blessings; and let them contribute to the relief of the poor and needy, the afflicted and the distressed, the widow and the orphan.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

"Done in the city of Raleigh, this, the 16th, day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of American independence the one hundred and thirty-fourth. "W. W. KITCHIN.

"By the Governor:
"Alex. J. Fields,
"Private Secretary."

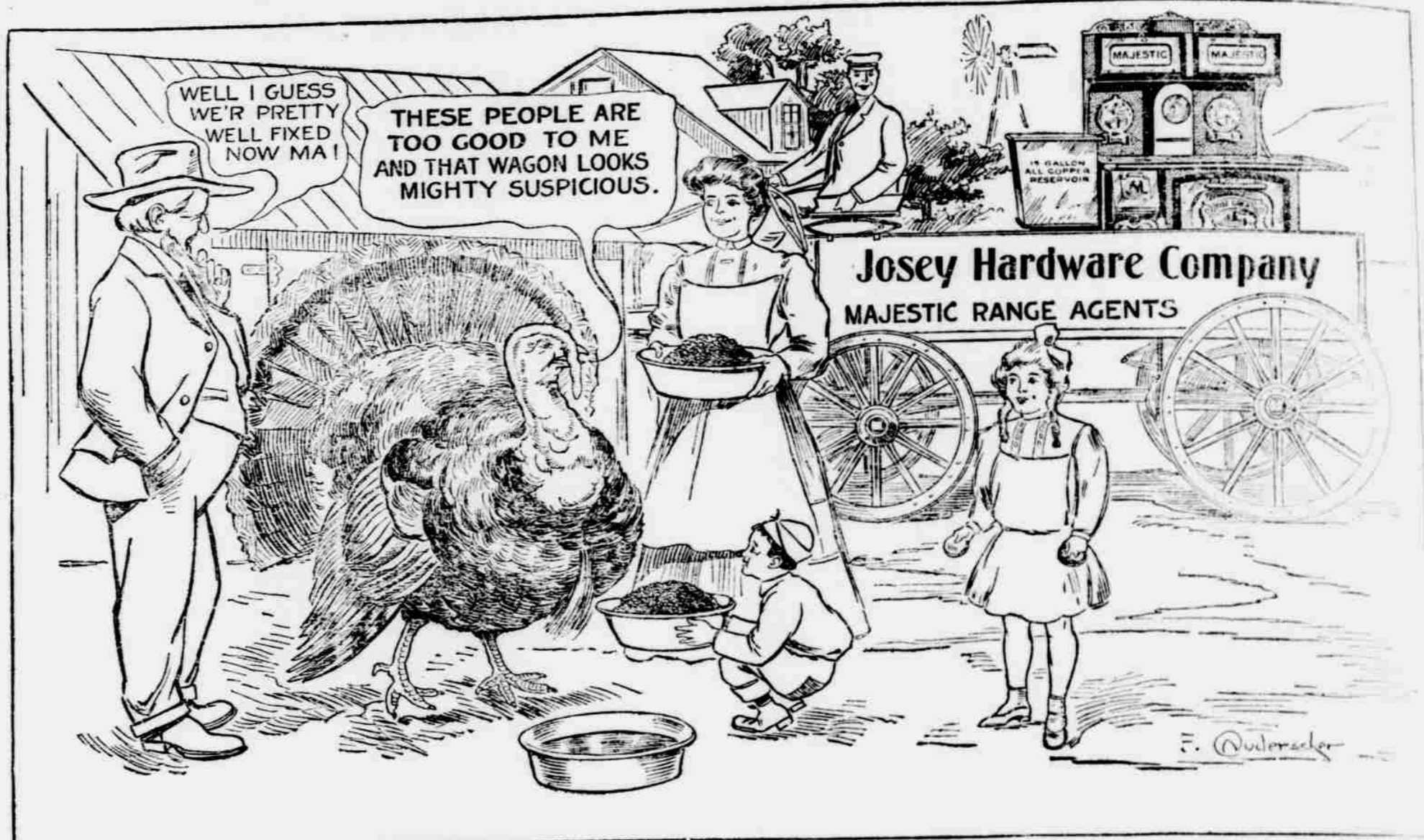
Concerning The Editor.

An editor is a male being whose buzziness it is to navigate a newspaper. He writes editorials, grinds out poetry, inserts deaths and weddings, and sorts out manescripts, keeps a waste-basket, blows the devil, steals matter, fites other people's battles and sells his paper for a dollar and fifty cents a year, take white beans and apple saas for pay when he can get it, raises a large family, and works nineteen hours out of every twenty four, knows no Sunday, gets damned by everybody, and once in a while whipped by somebody. Lives poor, dies middle age an often brokenhearted, leaves no money, is rewarded for a life of toil with a very short free obituary puff in the newspapers.—"Josh Billings" (Henry W. Shaw), in "Every Boddys Friend."

A Week or Two More.

Editor of THE COMMONWEALTH:—

With much cold weather this far this season it would be rather late to plant wheat now, but as there has yet been no cold weather and as the land is yet warm and dry there is yet time to plant wheat. A few acres of land well prepared and planted in the next two weeks should give good results in a wheat crop. The fact that much wheat has been planted in this community should encourage farmers who have not already done so to plant some now. With practically every farmer raising even a small wheat crop for two or three years in succession the matter will be sufficiently tested to justify the raising of wheat for flour at home. E. E. HILLIARD.



The Youth's Companion Calendar For 1910.

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$1.75) is paid for 1910 a beautiful Calendar for the new year. The picture panel which suggests the title, "Venetian," for the Calendar was painted by the famous marine artist, Thomas Moran. His Venetian scene, reproduced in the Calendar by thirteen-color lithography, will be found well worth preserving, long after 1910 is gone by.

The Supreme Court of the United States has sentenced to ninety days imprisonment Sheriff Shipp and several other prominent citizens of Chattanooga, Tennessee, for alleged contempt of that court. This "contempt" consists in these men conspiring or helping in the lynching of a negro three years ago, who had been duly convicted and sentenced to be hanged and a stay of proceeding had been granted by the United States Court. The court held that, as the prisoner was in custody of the Federal court, the lynching of him was a contempt of that court!—Chatham Record.

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Report of The Condition of The Bank of Enfield

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At the close of business Nov. 16th, 1909.

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Loans and discounts	\$165,082.33
Overdrafts	2,436.05
Bond, six per cent	230.00
Banking house and fixtures	7,960.00
Other real estate	1,750.00
Cash on hand	14,254.35
Cash in other banks	49,636.54
Total	\$240,963.07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided profits	7,315.70
Interest on reserve	1,000.00
Cashier's checks	543.92
Deposits	202,109.45
Total	\$240,963.07

State of North Carolina)
County of Halifax)
I, Ivey Watson, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IVEY WATSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of November, 1909.

J. W. WHITTAKER, Notary Public.

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